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SUBJECT: REPORTED LOCUST OUTBREAK ON MALI/MAURITANIA BORDER

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1. AID/W CONCERNED ABOUT CROP DAMAGE WHICH COULD RESULT IF LOCUST OUTBREAK REPORTED REFTELS NOT CHECKED IN TIMELY MANNER. WOULD SEEM THAT OCLALAV SHOULD CONVENE SPECIAL MEETING ASAP WITH ITS REGULAR DONOR CONTRIBUTORS IN ATTENDANCE TO EXPLAIN DIMENSION OF PRESENT OUTBREAK, LIKELIHOOD OF SHORT-TERM EXPANSION, STRATEGY FOR CONTAINMENT AND DONOR ASSISTANCE REQUIRED TO IMPLEMENT CONTAINMENT STRATEGY. DONORS WHO HAVE WORKED CLOSELY WITH OCLALAV IN THE PAST COULD INDICATE AT SESSION WHAT ASSISTANCE THEY ARE PREPARED TO MAKE AVAILABLE AT THIS TIME. WOULD SEEM THAT GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATIVES FROM THREE AFFECTED COUNTRIES SHOULD BE INVITED TO PARTICIPATE IN SESSION IN ORDER FACILITATE GOVERNMENT APPROVALS ON BORDER CROSSINGS, OVER-FLIGHT CLEARANCES AND LOGISTICAL COORDINATION.

2. SUGGEST RDO/DAKAR RECOMMEND CONVENING OF SPECIAL SESSION TO DIRECTOR GENERAL ABDALLAHI. FYI OUR PRELIMINARY DISCUSSIONS HERE WITH US EXPERT ON LOCUST PROBLEMS INDICATE THAT LOCUST OUTBREAKS IN NEMA-YELIMANE AREA ARE QUOTE THE LOCALIZED VARIETY UNQUOTE. DOES NOT SEEM LIKELY AT THIS TIME THAT THERE WILL BE EXTENSIVE OUTBREAKS FROM THESE AFFECTED AREAS END FYI.

3. NOTWITHSTANDING ABOVE AID/W STANDS READY TO PARTICIPATE WITH OTHER DONORS IN HELPING OCLALAV CONTAIN CURRENT LOCUST PROBLEM. IF ABDALLAHI CONVENES MEETING YOU ARE AUTHORIZED TO PLEDGE UP TO DOLLARS 12,000 TO ASSIST IN TRANSPORTING OCLALAV INSECTICIDES FROM DAKAR TO AFFECTED AREAS.

4. FOR ROME: REQUEST FAO'S PERCEPTION OF CURRENT LOCUST OUTBREAK ON MAURITANIA/MALI BORDER TO INCLUDE LOCUST SPECIES, STAGE, DENSITY, AND, IF ADULTS, PLACE OF ORIGIN.

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